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NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## NAME

HISTORIC Immaculata High School

AND/OR COMMON

## LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER 600 West Irving Park Road

CITY/TOWN

Chicago

VICINITY OF

9th

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Illinois

CODE

17

COUNTY

Cook

CODE

031

## CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

## OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Sisters of Charity B.V.M.

STREET &amp; NUMBER

The Generalate, Mount Carmel

CITY/TOWN

Dubuque

VICINITY OF

Iowa

STATE

52001

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS ETC

Cook County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

118 North Clark Street

CITY/TOWN

Chicago

Illinois

STATE

## REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Illinois Historic Structure Survey

(See Continuation Sheet)

DATE

1975

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

OFFICE/STATE

Illinois Department of Conservation

CITY/TOWN

Springfield

Illinois

STATE

# DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Immaculata High School is located on the northeast corner of Marine Drive and Irving Park Road. The plan of the corner portion is rectangular. Two wings extend from it to the north and west, each being set back from the line of the corner block. The main entrance faces Irving Park Road, where the west wing joins the main block. There is a secondary entrance on Marine Drive.

The walls are a brown tapestry brick with limestone trim. The roof is red tile with copper-clad dormers. The major decorative accents are the pointed windows, angular dormers and sculptural treatment of the main entrance. In fact, because of the westward extension of the west wing in the 1950's, this entrance is used only for ceremonial purposes, a new main entrance having been built into the extension. Above the original entrance there is a large statue of the Virgin by sculptor Alfonso Iannelli. Two bronze lamps, of which one remains, originally illuminated the statue.

The building has four floors with classrooms situated on both sides of the central corridors. Where these corridors meet at the entrance on Marine Drive, there is a wide staircase. In the rectangular part of the building on the corner there is an auditorium on the ground floor and above it, a large gymnasium. In the attic of the north wing there is a large lunchroom. Below it, on the ground floor, there is the library. The most elaborately decorated space is the auditorium where there is much architectural decoration of an Art Deco kind.

# SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1492-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1921-1922                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Barry Byrne

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### Significance

The school is of considerable importance because it is an early work of Barry Byrne, one of Frank Lloyd Wright's four best known students (the others were Griffin, Drummond, and Van Bergen). Works of the twenties by Byrne are rare and this is the only school by him in the Chicago area. Its anticipation of later Art Deco architecture is also notable, as is the sculptural decoration by Chicago's well known sculptor, Alfonso Iannelli.

### History

The school was designed and built in 1921-1922 by the architect Barry Byrne for the Sisters of the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was one of Byrne's first commissions after the first World War and is carried out in his modern style of the 1920's, a style quite different from his Prairie work of the pre-war years.

It was Byrne's Irish Catholic background that got him his job, as well as many other churches, convents, rectories, and schools for the Catholic orders and Diocese in Chicago and elsewhere. One of his largest works for the Church was Cork Cathedral in Ireland.

Born in Chicago in 1883, Byrne trained from 1902 to 1908 with Frank Lloyd Wright in the Oak Park studio. After that he worked with and in partnership with a former Wright draftsman, Andrew Willatzen, in Seattle, until 1913. He returned to Chicago the following year to take charge of Walter Griffin's American practice so that Griffin could go to Australia to work on Canberra. After World War I Byrne opened his own independent practice.

**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Brooks, H. Allen, The Prairie School: Frank Lloyd Wright and His Midwest Contemporaries, (1972), Pp. 79-80, 175-178, 284-292, 319-329.

The Western Architect, XXXIV (February, 1925).

The Prairie School Review, III (Fourth Quarter, 1966).

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 14 80 6 4 7 5  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B                          
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME TITLE

Donald E. Blayney Jr. and Paul E. Sprague

ORGANIZATION

DATE

June 1, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

7505 Main Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Niles

STATE

Illinois

**STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-663) I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*John Mc Lane*

TITLE Director, Illinois Department of Conservation

1-27-77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DATE OF FIELD OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

DATE OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER